

## CLARIFICATION

### THE GROUND WATER PROTECTION ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION AGAINST PUBLIC WATER SUPPLY CONTAMINATION

The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality has been strongly recommending (but not requiring) the passage of a local ordinance with the underlying purpose and intent to safeguard the health, safety, and lives of the public by protecting ground water that is a source of drinking water from contamination. SECTION 5 of that ordinance discusses prohibited uses/activities/structures within a 1000 foot radial boundary from any water well serving an active public water system. One such use/activity/structure listed is “above ground storage tanks” (ASTs). For clarification purposes, this means permanent tanks rather than temporary tanks, such as those used in the drilling of an oil and gas well.